Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Sir, I beg to move that the Bill to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure be taken up and passed at the meeting of the Council on Friday next.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—Sir, I second it.

The question of taking up and passing the Bill at the meeting of the Council on the subsequent Friday was put to votes and carried.

THE COTTON INDUSTRY (STATISTICS) BILL.

President.—The next item of business is the introduction of the Cotton Industry (Statistics) Bill.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Sir, I beg to move that the Cotton Industry (Statistics) Bill be read in Council.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—Sir, I second it.

Mr. V. K. Kochunni Menon.—Sir, I oppose the Bill. There is only one mill in the State. Now, several non-official Members are absent. They may be coming tomorrow, and then, the matter may be settled. Now, it may be put off.

President.—Why not we consider this when we have a full House?

Mr. M. Krishna Menon.—It may be taken up for consideration tomorrow.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—I don't know on what reason it is to be put off. On principle, I oppose the putting off.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—The Bill may be introduced, and the matter may be referred to a Select Committee, and the matter may again be brought for discussion when the other Members are here.

President.—But if the Bill is not wanted at all, no reference to the Select Committee is necessary. If the Bill is not passed, and the motion to read it in Council is lost, the whole Bill goes away.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—It is not the fault of the Government that the Members are not here.

Mr. V. K. Kochunni Menon.—But important measures are put off in other Councils as well, if there are not sufficient Members.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—What I suggest is that, if there are sufficient Members for carrying on the business, there must be justification for the Government to put this off.

President.—Even if it is opposed, the House, as it is now constituted, will be able to carry it. Then, the principle of the Bill would be accepted. What the Committee can do is only to modify certain provisions.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—They can throw it away *lue toto*. I think so.

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Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Certainly not.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon.—We cannot do that.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—There must be some justification for the Government to defer consideration of the matter.

President.—The Bill being of a controversial nature, we will like to have the benefit of all the Members being present.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—Under Standing Order 71 the President has got the power to carry it on to another day.

President.—I shall defer the consideration of the Bill for tomorrow.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon.—Yes, Sir.

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATE BANK.

President.—The next item is the resolution standing in the name of Srimati Madhavi Amma.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—The Member is absent.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—That also can be put off.

President.—We shall consider that question also tomorrow.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—If the President does not *take* it up to-day, there is no objection to taking it up tomorrow. It need not be taken up to-day.

President.—It is only, if I *call* that it has to be taken up to day ? I shall make up my mind not to call. So it may go for tomorrow.

The business of the day was over at 3-20 p. m., and the House adjourned for Wednesday.

T. K. KRISHNA MENON,
Secretary to the Council.

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